



8 Bible studies in

# John 13-18

## ‘O what a night’



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## Why focus in on this part of John?

**Do the maths.** The Apostle John has spilt a lot of ink on it— almost 6 chapters of his Gospel account— 6 out of 21 chapters – not far off a third of the whole book. It obviously was very important in John's mind. He was there. Inspired by the holy Spirit, he has made sure we get this material.

John wrote his account much later than the other 3 'synoptic' gospels—Matthew, Mark and Luke, who covered a lot of similar ground in telling us about Jesus' life and ministry, though they each have their own way of telling the story. John though, adds a lot more additional information. It's like he was very aware of the other Gospel accounts and thought—there's a few more things I saw that help us appreciate Jesus. An expanded look at that last night before Jesus was executed was clearly something the inspired Apostle thought we should think about in depth.

Which makes sense, given it's when Jesus literally had his last opportunity to prepare the disciples for the most tumultuous event of all history. Jesus' death and resurrection would really throw the disciples around. The things Jesus talked about on that night are the most crucial things to have at the forefront of anyone's thinking when your world is about to be turned upside down.

So we do well to take some time to take in much of what was said and done on that night.



## Some tips for getting the most out of these studies...

With each question, sometimes there's a follow up question or two included at the same number. This is to just help draw it out a bit more. You may get it with the first one so don't panic if you end up saying the same thing in thinking about the follow up question—just move on.

Also, don't panic if you can't quite see what a question might be driving at. These questions are not the Bible. The questions are just an attempt to help us get into the passage/issue. Let the Bible passage drive things at the end of the day. Feel free to move on if you've had a crack at it.

Most important of all. Pray. Ask God to guide the thinking. Think about how this all fits into His plan to bring us into a good relationship with Him. Think about how this all effects your personal situation as well as that of those around you.

